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SUBJECT: FY-2003 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION FOR  
MRP ON "PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS":

MARCH 13-APRIL 3, 2003

PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2003-0017

REF: (A) COLOMBO 01899, (B) STATE 126593, (C) STATE

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1. POST NOMINATES MS. GEETHANJALI RANAWAKA, ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, FOR  
PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT PROJECT.

2. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB

VERSION: 3.0.0

POST-EMAIL: rscmb@pd.state.gov

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS Colombo

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929

EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA

START NOMINATION:

USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 66

USIA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2003-0017

PROJ-NAME: Protection of Intellectual Property Rights -

March 13 - April 3, 2003

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2003

DEPART-POST: 03/11/2003

SESSION-DATE: 03/13/2003

RETURN-POST: 04/06/2003

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 9

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP strategic goals on  
"Open Markets" and the mission strategy to urge the GSL  
to enforce vigorously newly enacted IPR legislation

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Intellectual Property Rights

START BIO:

PREFIX: Ms.

F-NAME: Geethanjali

M-NAME: Rupika

L-NAME: RANAWAKA

SUFFIX:

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: National Intellectual Property Office

M-ADDR2: "Samagam Medura," 3rd Floor

M-ADDR3: D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha

M-CITY: Colombo 10

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-1) 669-178

M-FAX: (94-1) 689-367

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: F

DOB: 05/23/1965

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Colombo

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

START MEMO POSITION:

Assistant Director, National Intellectual Property,  
1992- to date  
END MEMO POSITION:  
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
Attorney-at-Law since 1989  
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
None  
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
Attorney-at-Law, Sri Lanka Law College, 1989  
Post Attorney Diploma in Intellectual Property, Sri  
Lanka Law College,  
(in collaboration with Asia Pacific Legal Institution  
in Washington, D.C.)  
LL.B. (Final year student) Open University of Sri Lanka  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:  
FIRST-LANG: Sinhala  
ENGL-READ: 4  
ENGL-SPEAK: 4  
ENGL-COMP: 4  
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
This nomination is in support of MPP goal on "Open  
Markets" and the Mission strategy to urge GSL to  
enforce vigorously newly enacted IPR legislation  
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:  
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:  
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:  
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Stephen Holgate  
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
Ms. Ranawaka has served for ten years as the Assistant  
Director of the National Intellectual Property Office  
(NIPO) and, according to the current director, has good  
prospects for becoming the head of the office in the  
future. The existence and enforcement of strong IPR  
laws are critical to Sri Lanka's economic development,  
especially if it hopes to take advantage of the  
burgeoning IT industry. IPR issues are central to many  
American investors and to the USG.  
According to the current director of NIPO, Ms. Ranawaka  
is a dedicated officer who will have an increasing  
influence on IPR issues. An exposure to the American  
scene through the participation in MRP on "Protection  
of Intellectual Property Rights" would provide her with  
a broader perspective of the issues involving IPR and  
related fields and impress upon her the centrality of  
these issues to foreign investment in Sri Lanka. This  
will also provide an opportunity to establish  
institutional linkages.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
NOM-OFF: Public Affairs  
SPEAKER?: No  
NOTIFY-EMB: Yes  
MEDIA?: No  
HOME-STAY: Yes  
HOME-HOSP?: Yes  
E-I-TYPE:  
NOMINEE-ID: 97  
PERSON-ID: 64  
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE  
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE  
RES-CNTRY-ID: CE  
FIRST-LANG-ID: SI  
E-I-TYPE-ID:  
NOM-POST-ID: 2929  
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:  
NOM-STATUS: N  
END BIO:  
END NOMINATION:

13. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE NOMINATIONS.  
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